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TAGS: ELAB, MX
SUBJECT: ICFTU WORLD CONGRESS: ICFTU WILL IGNORE WFTU APPEAL
FOR JOINT ACTIONS.

REF: PARIS 27253 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO ICFTU SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS THE ICFTU HAS
RECEIVED THE WFTU LETTER APPEALING FOR JOINT ACTIONS
MENTIONED IN REFTEL. THE LETTER HAS BEEN "FILED" AND WILL
NOT BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ICFTU CONGRESS
CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS.

2. EMBASSY PARIS REFERENCE TO THE COMPORTMENT OF LATIN
AMERICANS AT THE RECENT WCL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING IN
BELGIUM HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY ICFTU OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED
THE MEETING AS OBSERVERS. THEY ALSO TOLD US THAT SALANNE
OF THE FRENCH CFDT PLAYED A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE MEETING
AND THAT A GROWING NUMBER OF WCLS EUROPEAN AFFILIATES, THE
CHIEF UNDERWRITERS OF THE WCL BUDGET, ARE BEING TURNED OFF
BY THE "PARANOIC" BEHAVIOR OF THE LATIN. THE EUROPEANS,
WE WERE TOLD, ARE INCREASINGLY RESENTFUL OF THE LATIN
AMERICANS' USE OF THE WCL FOR POLITICAL RATHER THAN TRADE
UNION PURPOSES.

3. COMMENT: THE WCL IS BEGINNING TO DISENTEGRATE. ITS
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DECLINE AS A VIABLE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION WAS PRACTICALLY
ASSURED WHEN THE WCL'S EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION WAS DISBANDED
LAST YEAR TO PERMIT ITS PRINCIPAL AFFILIATES TO JOIN THE
ETUC. WITH THE END OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM THE WCL LOST
ITS LARGEST ASIAN AFFIALIATE, THE VIETNAMESE CVT. THIS
PAST SUMMER THE WCL SUFFERED YET ANOTHER SET BACK WHEN
ITS GENERAL SECRETARY, JEAN BRUCK, FELL VICTIM TO A
SERIOUS NERVOUS BREAKDOWN. BRUCK HAS NOT RECOVERED AND

THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT HE MAY NEVER BE ABLE TO RESUME HIS POST. THIS LEAVES CLAT REPRESENTATIVE GONZALEZ OF THE MEXICAN CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATION, FAT, AND FRONT MAN FOR EMILIO MASPERO AS THE SENIOR WCL ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY AND EFFECTIVELY IN CHARGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL. HIS INEXPERIENCE AND HIS EFFORTS TO FURTHER SUBORDINATE THE WCL TO RADICAL CLAT POLICIES AND PROGRAMS, HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE GENERAL MALAISE WITHIN WCL AND TO THE GROWING BELIEF THAT THE WCLS DAYS ARE NUMBERED.
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